

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair
Odell Owens, Vice Chair
Phillip B. McCall
Nicole M. Price
Kenneth O. Reynolds
Joseph C. Straten
Thomas G. Taylor

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting Manager
Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Joe Straten gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Rick McBride

4. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Taylor, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

New Item 6.a.1

Consideration of Resolution Supporting Certificate of Public Need for Expanded Computed Tomography (CT) Services by Wellmont Health Systems

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

5. Consent Agenda:

Ms. Price requested that item 5.b.3 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

At this time, the Board discussed the request of the Washington County Treasurer's Office for a supplemental appropriation of the Treasurer's Office share of the DMV/Passport commissions from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

Ms. Price addressed the Board and explained she understands the money comes from the DMV and passport collections handled by the Treasurer's Office. Pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Treasurer, the Treasurer receives 80% of the commissions and the County receives 20%. This money is used for personnel related expenses. Ms. Price further explained she has questions about the agreement and recommended the request be tabled to a future meeting for further discussions, and to allow the County Treasurer the opportunity to be involved in the deliberations. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Straten, the Board tabled action on item 5.b.3 until the June 14, 2011 regular meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Price, the Board acted to approve items a, b and d of the Consent Agenda as set forth below.

a. Approval of Minutes:

Correction to May 3 Minutes

1. April 19, 2011 Recessed Meeting

2. **May 3, 2011 Called Special Meeting**
3. **May 10, 2011 Regular Meeting**
- b. **Approval of Routine Financial Matters:**
 1. **Payment of Bills – From April 11, 2011 thru May 10, 2011**
 2. **Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Sheriff’s Office-Animal Sterilization Fees**
 3. **Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County Treasurer’s Office (tabled until June 14, 2011)**
 4. **Authorization to Dispose of Certain Records of the Accounting Department**
 5. **Request for Washington County to be Fiscal Agent for County Drug Court Grant**
 6. **Request for Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County Sheriff’s Office and Department of Emergency Management**
 7. **Budget Status Report – April 30, 2011**
- c. **Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:**

No bids or contracts were presented to the Board.

- d. **Authorization of Routine Business Matters:**
 1. **Adoption of Resolution in Support of Fair Housing – Approved as Follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-15

WHEREAS, the Congress has enacted the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as Amended; and

WHEREAS, federal and state law provide equal housing opportunity for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status, or handicap; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has provided programs to assist the development of decent, affordable housing for citizens of all incomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board does hereby endorse the concept of Fair Housing and call upon the citizens of Washington County and government officials along with those in the banking and housing industries to join and work together in this observance for free and equal housing treatment for all.

2. **Authorization to Submit Application to Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**
3. **Authorization for Sale of Surplus Property, Washington County Sheriff’s Office**

**4. Ratification of Byrd Brothers General Contract and May 16 Addendum – April 27-28, 2011
Storm Event Construction & Demolition Debris Removal**

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

6. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Resolution Supporting Certificate of Public Need for Expanded Computed Tomography (CT) Services by Wellmont Health Systems

Mr. Greg Neal, Chief Operating Officer for Bristol Regional Medical Center, addressed the Board and presented a request for adoption of a Resolution supporting Wellmont Health Systems Certificate of Public Need to expand the scope of services at Wellmont's new urgent care facility at Exit 19 (off I-81) in Abingdon, VA to offer Computed Tomography (CT) services. Mr. Neal explained two reasons warrants the need for this service. First, Bristol Regional Medical Center in 2010 provided 6,110 CT procedures on residents of Washington County and surrounding Virginia counties. Wellmont's interest is to provide this service in a location more convenient. The second reason is feasibility. Wellmont will move a CT scanner that is underutilized at another facility to the new Urgent Care facility. The total capital costs will be about \$175,000. Mr. Neal stated the proposal is good, sound rational health planning.

Ms. Mumpower commented that a primary responsibility of the Board of Supervisors is to provide services to the citizens of Washington County.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Neal.

Mr. McCall inquired if the entire facility at Exit 19 will be used for urgent care.

Mr. Neal explained the building is 30,000 square feet. In addition to urgent care, the building will house Wellmont's Heart Institute on the first floor, and a physical therapy clinic. The second level of the building can house three different physician practices.

Mr. Reynolds inquired if the COPN would apply only to CT services.

Mr. Neal explained that the COPN is for CT services only. Wellmont estimates about five percent of their patients' need CT scans.

Responding to inquiries, Mr. Neal explained the Urgent Care facility would create ten jobs; two being radiology technicians. Mr. Neal stated the facility will open on June 20, and a celebration will be held on June 18.

Ms. Mumpower inquired about the hours of operation for the urgent care.

Mr. Neal explained the hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Taylor commented on Wellmont's practice of moving medical testing equipment between their satellite facilities; he questioned if the population in the areas in which Wellmont has these facilities and testing equipment use them instead of going to the hospital.

Mr. Neal explained that the satellite facilities have freed up capacity at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Taylor stated he understands between 4,000 and 5,000 Virginia residents have CT services performed at Bristol Regional Medical Center each year. Offering CT services at Wellmont's Urgent Care Facility at Exit 19 will provide the opportunity for people living in Smyth, Grayson, Washington and Russell Counties to come to Abingdon for these services. It bodes well for people who must travel to receive medical care, and for businesses in and around the Exit 19 area. In addition to health services, the facility is a positive for economic development in Washington County.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2011-16

IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY WELLMONT PHYSICIAN SERVICES, INC. (WPS), A SUBSIDIARY OF WELLMONT HEALTH SYSTEM, TO ESTABLISH A SPECIALIZED CENTER FOR CT IMAGING (WELLMONT URGENT CARE – ABINGDON)

WHEREAS, establishing computed tomography service (CT) services at Wellmont Urgent Care - Abingdon, through the relocation of an existing CT scanner from Holston Valley Medical Center, is part of Wellmont Physician Services, Inc.'s (WPS) long range plan to develop ancillary services in Virginia Planning District 3 to support its existing, and future, physician groups in the planning district; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the existing CT scanner from Holston Valley Medical Center to Wellmont Urgent Care – Abingdon reflects Wellmont Health System's and WPS' responsible health planning initiatives and is demonstrating cost efficiencies by reallocating resources; and

WHEREAS, this location will promote access to CT services for residents from throughout Virginia Planning District 3 who currently must travel to Wellmont Health System's Tennessee facilities to receive such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board officially supports the application for Wellmont Physician Services, Inc. to seek permission to establish a Specialized Center for CT Imaging (Wellmont Urgent Care – Abingdon) thereby reallocating resources within the larger system to Exit 19 where those resources will provide more convenient and better access to the needed CT services in Virginia Planning District 3.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Consideration of Approval of Agreement with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for Removal of Watershed Impairments for April 27-28 Storm Events

Mr. Bill Moss with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) addressed the Board and explained the USDA asks for approval of an agreement for the County's participation in the EWP Watershed Program.

Mr. Moss explained as a result of the recent disasters that have occurred across the nation, disaster funds were set aside to protect public utilities. Shortly after the tornados struck Washington County, the local USDA office staff conducted a preliminary drive through of the areas in Washington County damaged by the tornados to determine areas that may qualify to receive disaster funds. County Administrator Mark Reeter was contacted about submitting a pre-application for Washington County to receive disaster funds. Five sites have been preliminarily identified with debris in channels, and Preliminary Engineering Reports have been completed on these sites. The estimated cleanup cost is \$32,600.00. It is anticipated that more sites may be identified that could be addressed up to a maximum of the \$100,000.00 federal share. The USDA is willing to bring their damage team back to the area, and talk with the Virginia Department of Transportation to see if any sites were missed during the initial drive through. The agreement for the work is totally a federal contract, however, the USDA asks for the County's assistance in obtaining permission to enter the identified properties to remove debris. Also, if additional sites are identified, the USDA asks that Mr. Reeter be given permission to sign a second agreement so the process can move forward. The County is required to provide a 25% match, which is about \$8,000. Mr. Moss stated the tipping fees charged by the County for the debris could be used as the match. The County will be billed for any match that is not covered by the tipping fees.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to approve the Agreement with USDA for emergency watershed protection measures.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Moss about in-kind contributions toward the 25% required match, and who the responsible party would be to fix property should land be damaged as a result of the debris removal.

Mr. Moss explained that he assumes it would be the responsibility of the contractor to fix any property damage. Federal contracts require contractors to be bonded. Mr. Moss stated he would obtain a definite answer to this question. He further explained the tipping fees charged by the County, and the costs of the County's chipping contract could be used toward the match. Also, the Holston River Soil and Water Conservation District is serving as the County's agent on this project. Their staff time could be used toward the match.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Sciavener's Note: The agreement referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2011-05-24-A.

3. Consideration of Approval of CDBG Planning Grant Agreement with Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development for Washington County Disaster Recovery Planning Project

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has contacted the County suggesting that a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Planning Grant be accepted in order to assess the overall April 27-28 storm event for a possible housing-related CDBG project grant. The \$25,000.00 Planning Grant would provide funding to assess data being collected via the Disaster Recovery Group and, should a possible CDBG project be identified, preparation of the full CDBG grant application packet.

Mr. Reeter further explained the scope of the anticipated services to be funded by the Planning Grant is set out in the proposed Agreement. The Planning Grant requires no monetary match from the County, and if a CDBG project is determined viable, the full application package would need to be prepared and ready by the end of October of this year. He noted that a revised Planning Grant Agreement was provided to the Board at stations. Mr. Reeter provided a review of the proposed Agreement and scope of work.

Mr. Reeter next explained the County will contract with People Incorporated and Mount Rogers Planning District Commission to determine if a CDBG Project can be identified to replace homes or repair substantially damaged homes in the Glade Spring area. The planning will take about 45 days and then preparation of the CDBG application will begin. A primary requirement of the CDBG program is the project area must have 51% low-to-moderate income families. If a CDBG project is identified and application submitted, DHCD will place an urgent need on the application. The County is not obligated to repay the planning grant funds if a CDBG project is not identified.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to approve Agreement with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for \$25,000.00 Planning Grant for the Washington County Disaster Recovery Planning Project.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Taylor *Aye*

Sciwenen's Note: The agreement referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2011-05-24-B.

4. Consideration of Resolution Amending Fiscal Year 2010-2011 County Operating Budget to Establish Fund 015-Disaster Recovery Fund

Mr. Seamon addressed the Board and presented a Resolution for Board consideration that would amend the FY 2010-2011 County Operating Budget to establish a Disaster Recovery Fund. The Disaster Recovery Fund will be capitalized by \$500,000.00 from the County General Reserve Account. Any potential state or federal funds to the County for disaster recovery are received on reimbursement basis. It has been necessary for the County to expand funds on disaster recovery, and it is anticipated that reimbursements from state or federal government resources will keep the Disaster Recovery Fund capitalized. At the conclusion of disaster recovery, any money remaining in the Disaster Recovery Fund will be returned to the County General Fund.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Seamon and Mr. Reeter concerning the Disaster Recovery Fund.

On motion of Mr. Owens second, by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-17
ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND 015, DISASTER RECOVERY FUND
WITHIN FY2010-11 COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that effective May 24, 2011 the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is hereby amended to establish Fund 015, styled as, Disaster Recovery Fund, and to initially capitalize this Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the County's Undesignated Reserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of Fund 015 shall be for the budgeting for fiscal planning purposes only of both revenues and expenditures directly related to clean-up and recovery efforts necessitated by the April 27-28, 2011 storm events which occurred in Washington County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fund 015 and the unexpended and unencumbered balance therein as of June 30, 2011 shall carry forward in the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

5. Consideration of Tentative Adjustments to Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2011-2012 from April 19 Recessed Meeting

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained at the conclusion of the April 19 Budget Adjustment Work Session it was thought that another work session meeting prior to budget adoption might be needed to address certain revenue-related matters. Since the April 19 work session, however, it has been determined that such matters cannot be addressed from a budgeting standpoint prior to the need to adopt the FY 2011-2012 budget next month. Board action is requested to (1) submit the budget as of April 19 for formal consideration for adoption at the June 14 regular meeting or, (2) at the Board's discretion, to schedule a final budget adjustment work session prior to June 14 for any final budgetary actions the Board may wish to take.

Mr. Seamon addressed the Board and provided a review of the adjustments from the April 19 Budget Adjustment Work Session and modifications made to the FY 2011-2012 budget since the April 19 meeting.

Ms. Mumpower addressed action taken by the Board at the April 19 Budget Adjustment Worksession to tentatively approve \$380,000.00 in additional funds for renovation of the County Government Center. She explained that at the time she supported the action, however, expressed her concerns about spending additional funds on the renovations. Her concerns remain the same. The design work is not complete and renovation costs are not fully known at this time. It is her position that the County completes only the renovations necessary to the building for the Commissioner of Revenue, Treasurer and County Offices to relocate there.

Ms. Mumpower explained that taking into consideration the issues the County and its citizens are facing at this time; she could not support the additional \$380,000.00 expenditure. She knows the County Facilities Committee has spent an enormous amount of time on the project, and is sure they could justify the recommendation for additional funds. She suggested that another work session may be needed to deal with this issue. It is at the discretion of the Board.

At this time lengthy discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Reeter concerning renovations to the County Government Center. Specifically the \$380,000.00 in additional funds that has been tentatively approved and items this amount will cover. Discussions were also devoted to the lease revenue the County is receiving from Alpha Natural Resources, and the debt service on the County Government Center.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, and second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to submit the FY 2011-2012 County Operating Budget for formal adoption at the June 14, 2011 regular meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Further discussions were devoted to FY 2011-2012 Budget issues, specifically the three Resolutions adopted by Abingdon Town Council asking the County to increase funding for the Coomes Center, Abingdon Fire Department, and to assist financially with expenses for two part-time tourism related employees at Heartwood.

Mr. Reeter explained the County is to the point of considering a plan to distribute the increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax. He proposed the Board consider allocating half of the \$40,000-\$50,000 estimated to be generated from the increase to Heartwood, with the remaining amount to be allocated and handled by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce to decide what tourism related organizations receive the funds. A plan needs to be in place for distribution of the increased revenue from the Transient Occupancy Tax before a local ordinance can be adopted.

The Board directed Mr. Seamon to contact the Town of Abingdon to advise them of the Board's action on April 19 to increase funding to the Coomes Center. Mr. Reeter was asked to contact Town Manager Greg Kelly to discuss the three Resolutions.

6. Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards, Authorities and Commissions Expiring June 30, 2011

Ninth District Development Financing, Inc.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price the Board acted to reappoint Christy Parker to the Ninth District Development Financing, Inc., for a term beginning July 1, 2011.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Highlands Community Services Board

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to reappoint Odell Owens to represent Washington County on the Highlands Community Services Board for a three year term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0-1)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint Steve Roland to represent Washington County on the Highland Community Services Board for a three year term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Virginia Creeper Trail Advisory Board

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price the Board acted to appoint Joe Straten to represent Washington County on the Virginia Creeper Trail Advisory Board.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program Board of Directors

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint Sergeant Greg Hogston of the Washington County Sheriff's Department to the Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program Board of Directors.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ad Hoc Committee for Development of New County Noise Ordinance

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to appoint Phil Blevins to the Ad Hoc Committee for Development of New County Noise Ordinance.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Washington County Planning Commission

On motion of Mr. Straten second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reappoint John Lentz to represent the Taylor Election District on the Washington County Planning Commission for a four year term beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2015.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to reappoint Bill S. Canter, Jr. to represent the Wilson Election District on the Washington County Planning Commission for a four year term effective July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2015.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Washington County Park Authority

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reappoint G. Keith Owens to the Washington County Park Authority as an at large appointment for a four year term beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2015.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
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<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Bristol Virginia Utilities Authority:

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reappoint Dulcie M. Mumpower to represent Washington County on the Bristol Virginia Utilities Authority for a one year term beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2012.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0-1)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Washington County Service Authority Board of Commissioners:

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint Frank J. Stephon IV to represent the Harrison Election District on the Washington County Service Authority Board of Commissioners for a four year term beginning July 2, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2015.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reappoint Joe L. Chase to represent the Madison Election District on the Washington County Service Authority Board of Commissioners for a four year term beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2015.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Reynolds *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*
Mr. Taylor *Aye*

Ms. Mumpower addressed the resignation of Russell U. Owens from the Industrial Development Authority of Washington County and the Smyth-Washington Industrial Facilities Authority. She commented that Mr. Owens has given a lot of time and expertise to the County during his tenure. She is saddened with his decision to resign.

b. Information Items:

1. Update on April 27-28 Storm Disaster Recovery Efforts

County Director of Emergency Management addressed the Board and provided the following update on the April 27-28 storm disaster recovery efforts:

- Recovery efforts have transitioned to long-term recovery efforts. Sadly, there were four deaths attributed to this horrific event. Best estimates indicate that 63 people sustained injuries, some of those were major, and others were simple lacerations and abrasions.
- Finite numbers are yet to be determined on structural damage, however internal estimates based on aerial survey, windshield survey, field team survey, hotline reports, GIS data, and assessed value indicate that 423 addressed structures and 125 unaddressed structure (barns, shed, outbuildings, etc.) sustained damage ranging from “affected” to “destroyed,” with an estimated value of:

8.2 million dollars - Destroyed
15.3 million dollars - Destroyed plus Land Value
21.3 million dollars - Major
27.4 million dollars - Major plus Land Value

42.7 million dollars total for Destroyed, Major and Land value

- An initial estimate of agricultural related damage is 32 million dollars. Determining what portion of this is barns, sheds, land, etc that have been included in previously determined dollar amounts for structures and land is underway. Phil Blevins, County Extension Agent, has provided detailed information. (See below.) He continues to provide information as well as serving as the primary point of contact for all agriculture related issues and concerns for not only the Department of Emergency Management but also for every farmer that needs assistance or information.

<u>Area of Concern</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Farms affected	275	
Hay damaged (acres)*	6,0000	\$900,000.00
Pasture affected (acres)	100,000	\$1,400,000.00
Livestock		
Beef	100	\$90,000.00
Dairy	50	\$45,000.00
Sheep	50	\$1,000.00
Goats	50	\$1,000.00
Horses	7	\$50,000.00
Barns damaged or destroyed	200	\$5,000,000.00
Other farm structures	200	\$1,500,000.00
Farm machinery (tractors, balers, etc.)	100	\$750,000.00
Stored hay lost (Tons)	300	\$24,000.00
Fencing (miles)	500	\$7,900,000.00
Other crops (acres)	5	\$50,000.00
Farm timber (acres)	4,000	\$16,000,000.00
	Total	\$33,711,000.00

Future Needs of Washington County Farmers

Financial assistance

- Replacing fences – if the county receives a Presidential disaster declaration it may help substantially with this
- Depending on the weather, some farmers may have a short feed supply as result of destroying the first cutting of hay due to the trash in it.
- Many barns were not insured but were nonetheless valuable. The expense of restoring or rebuilding these will be very expensive.
- Debris removal is going to be a big job on most farms in the path of the storms
- While many different types of farms were affected, our largest agriculture segment, beef cattle (\$28,000,000.00 in the local economy) was affected most.

Other assistance

- Any efforts to secure a Presidential disaster declaration would be helpful
- Public acknowledgement of the agriculture damage and that the county is making all efforts to see to it that agriculture is included in any relief
- Immediately following the call received on the morning of May 7 advising that FEMA assistance had been denied, a conference call was convened with Ms. Harris, Mr. Reeter, Ms. Culbertson, Ms. Mumpower, and various individuals from Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) including Michael Cline, the State Coordinator for Emergency Management. A definitive answer as to why the request was denied has yet to be provided. One reason given is that the number of under insured and uninsured do not exceed the ability of the locality and state to provide assistance. A decision was made to move forward with an appeal. A plan was formulated to capture information to identify any impacted area of the county that may not have been indentified during the initial damage assessment by FEMA and to identify those owner-occupied homes that were totally destroyed or

sustained major damage that were uninsured and underinsured. A hotline was established that was staffed with volunteers. As well, People Inc. provided personnel to do door-to-door fieldwork. Data was gathered through Saturday, May 21.

On May 18 notification was received that the Governor had sent the letter of appeal. This put into motion a request from VDEM for information that had yet to be completely gathered and compiled, as well as a new request for business related data. On May 24 VDEM advised us to send the information that had been compiled thus far. VDEM was provided via FTP site the following information: 261 surveys were completed either by fieldwork or from call-ins to our hotline. Of these, 106 were fully insured, 102 were under insured, and 53 were uninsured. In regard to business related data, 57 businesses were identified within the impacted areas. Of these, 17 were destroyed. Prior to the tornado, the 57 businesses employed 1069 people. To date, 636 have lost employment. Of these, 240 were employees of Gates Corporation, 150 were Utility Trailer employees, and 100 were Petro employees. Due to the time constraints for gathering this information, the estimated amount of lost revenue has yet to be determined.

- Looking toward our long term recovery efforts, the Washington County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) has been formed and meeting regularly. The LTRG is working to help the community recover from the tornadoes by assisting citizens to get back on their feet and begin to rebuild their lives. This disaster recovery taskforce includes county and town officials, community leaders and volunteers. The WCLTRG is a partnership between Washington County, Town of Glade Spring, United Way of Russell and Washington Counties, Washington County Department of Social Services, Washington County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension, American Red Cross-Mountain Empire Chapter, Washington County Ecumenical Faith in Action, Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corp, VDOT-Bristol District, Southwestern Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VA VOAD), National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) – Adventist Community Services and several individuals that will serve as construction coordinators, volunteer coordinators, donations coordinators and case managers. Barbara Farmer, who is representing faith-based organizations in the area, has graciously agreed to serve as the WCLTRG chairperson.

The Department of Social Services on behalf of the LTRG began accepting applications for tornado disaster assistance on Monday, May 16. Applications were accepted through May 20. Round-trip shuttle service was provided from Glade Spring on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The construction committee of the LTRG is currently assessing cases for repair or rebuild assistance.

The LTRG has partnered with United Way of Russell and Washington Counties to establish a long-term call center for continued volunteer and referral processing. Both individuals and groups wishing to volunteer need to register with the center. Those seeking volunteer assistance for such tasks as yard clean up, debris clean up and simple household repair should also contact the Volunteer Processing Call Center. Registered volunteers are being assigned and matched to tasks and jobs that damage assessments and victim surveys have identified, as well as those received from individuals in the affected areas. Volunteer teams will also be assigned to larger rebuilding projects along with licensed contractors.

One major task of the LTRG is to receive, manage, and distribute donated goods and supplies. To that end, a donations warehouse and a distribution center have been established. On Thursday of this

week, the two businesses that are providing space for this endeavor will be announced in a press conference. However, work is well underway to stand up these two operations.

The United Way has agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the LTRG. As well, the United Way has leaped to the forefront leading the charge for financial donations. On Thursday night of last week WCYB and Fox aired an hour-long program – Path to Destruction, Road to Recovery. Over \$90K was raised for Washington County, VA and Greene County, TN. With previously received funding and what was raised that evening, there is approximately \$300,000.00 available for recovery efforts; some of which have already identified as being expended.

The application process has been announced and the LTRG will be submitting its initial request for VDEM's Disaster Recovery Fund this week to assist approximately 20 cases that include transportation needs, home repair, and even home rebuilding. The LTRG will continue to review requests for assistance to utilize either local funding or state available funding.

- One other ongoing task has been that of debris management and removal. Over the last three and a half weeks a tremendous amount of debris has been removed and the effort continues. There have been some issues with this, not on the part of the county, but in regard to what is believed to have been a lack of coordination between VDOT and the county involving their respective contractors. However, the major portion of woody debris and brush have been removed as well as a significant amount of demolition debris. A plan has been developed to assist residents with removing debris and ensuring that debris, whether woody debris or demolition debris, can be moved so that people can begin to rebuild their lives.
- An event such as this is not one that occurs without substantial cost to the locality. To date the estimated damage assessment costs eligible for public assistance is \$3.15M that includes expenditures for debris removal, emergency protective measures, lost street signage, building and equipment, utilities, parks, recreational facilities, and other items.

In concluding her presentation, Ms. Harris expressed sincere gratitude to departments, agencies and all involved in the disaster recovery efforts.

7. Board Member Reports

Mr. McCall reported that he would be on vacation during the week of June 13, and would not be attending the next regular Board meeting on June 14.

Mr. Owens reported on a meeting that he and Tom Taylor had with Dr. Charles Bartlett regarding gas well drilling. Dr. Bartlett would like to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Owens asked the County Administrator to contact Dr. Bartlett about scheduling a presentation. It is imperative that the Board stay on top of the gas well drilling issue until some conclusion is reached by the Board.

Mr. Owens asked that consideration of renewing the Mendota Community Center Lease Agreement be placed on the agenda for the June 14 regular meeting.

Supervisors Odell Owens, Phillip McCall and Kenneth Reynolds announced they will seek re-election to the Board of Supervisors.

8. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed information and reminders.

9. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Straten, second by Mr. Reynolds, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman